

# DAVID BLAINE INFORMATION AND TECHNIQUES

## Interesting things you may not have known about

### David Blaine

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1. Full Name - The performer's full name is said to be David Blaine White. This may be based upon the assumption he went under his mother's last name as a child, Patrice White.

2. Birthday - David Blaine was born on April 04, 1973 in Brooklyn, New York. He is currently 35 years old.

3. David Blaine unfortunately never knew his biological father. Instead, his mother remarried to a banker named John Bukalo. This accepted, loving marriage brought forth Blaine's half brother, Michael.

4. Blaine's first effect is said to be the Cigarette Through Card. His mother purchased it for him at a Disney magic shop in Florida, while visiting an aunt for the Summer.

5. As a teenager, Blaine created the eccentric character the public most commonly sees in him. Intrigued by acting and theatre, he always strived to be the center of attention.

6. As a teenager, Blaine already appeared on several commercials and soap operas on daytime television.

7. David Blaine currently has three DVD's out on the international market and a best selling book. In the UK, Blaine has produced *Mystifier* and *Showman*—a compilation of his first three national television specials: *Street Magic*; *Magic Man*; *Frozen in Time*. In the US, Blaine featured all three specials on a single DVD entitled *Fearless*. There are currently two different versions of his book, *Mysterious Stranger*, which apparently leads the path to a buried treasure in the USA through codes and hidden symbols.

8. Blaine has been said to date some of the hottest names in the business: Fiona Apple, Madonna, and Josie Maran just to name a few.

9. Blaine is known to have created solid friendships with Robert De Niro, Leonardo DiCaprio, Jack Nicholson, and other major actors, using his magic.

10. David Blaine looks up to several magicians for their support and company throughout his productions. One of which is Paul Harris, a respectable icon in the

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We provide rare information about David Blaine, regarding the magic man and his street [magic tricks](#)- including updates on TV appearances such as *Dive of Death* on ABC. GET IN HERE!



"There are 52 cards a deck...Choose one"

### LEARN DAVID BLAINE MAGIC FROM "DIVE OF DEATH"

The man who single-handedly revived **street magic** has tested the limits of physical ability by enclosing himself in ice, balancing on a pillar and holding his breath underwater for 17 minutes (he broke the world record for that one).

But people remember him most for the simple, elegant, completely mind-blowing street magic from his first special, "David Blaine: Street Magic."

His latest special, "[David Blaine: Dive of Death](#)," will be packed with much more street magic than his past TV specials. He performed street magic for people in New Orleans' Ninth Ward, inner-city East St. Louis and coal miners in West Virginia's Mingo County. The reactions he gets from his spectators will be legendary.

### Do you think you can perform street magic like David Blaine?

There will never be another David Blaine, but you can add your own personality and get some of the same reactions by learning **David Blaine magic tricks**.

The amazing miracles Blaine creates with playing cards, dollar bills, coins and watches are accomplished with simple sleight of hand that has been refined over the years. You can learn it with "[How to Do Street Magic](#)."

- More professional magicians are incorporating street magic into their routines, because audiences love it.
- Spectators love street magic because ordinary, every day objects are made to do unnatural, mind-blowing things that bend reality.
- Street magic looks more convincing to spectators, because there is no stage, special effects or "lovely assistants." Everything happens in front of their face.
- Street magic is accomplished through skilled use of sleight of hand.

In "[How to Do Street Magic](#)" you'll learn several ways to bend reality in front of your spectators' eyes. You'll make a card appear where you command, make another card reveal itself in ashes on your skin, slam a salt shaker right through a table and make coins appear right in front of people's faces. You'll even make a string pass through a ring -- *the very trick that inspired Blaine to become a magician*.

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### Blaine begins bat-like berth

And so it begins.

UPI reports that David Blaine began his latest stunt this morning. According to Blaine's Web site, he was to start at 8:30 a.m. EST.

The Gossip Girls caught David Blaine hanging around with Kelly Ripa, of *Live with Regis and Kelly* this morning, but both of them appeared to be harnessed on a trapeze swing. So there are no images of Blaine's electromagnetic boots yet.

magic community who currently walks all throughout the USA, searching for the meanings of astonishment. Ever since his home burned down with all his belongings, Harris has lived out an extreme life of which Blaine attempts to convey throughout the specials. Harris actually aided Blaine in creating the "urban shaman" approach to connect with total strangers—Blaine talks of Harris in his critically acclaimed book, "Mysterious Stranger."

getting the same kinds of reactions.

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**Doctors: Blaine's head won't explode, but...**

As it turns out, hanging upside down has some health benefits, according to information in this NewYork Daily News story. Rosie O'Donnell does it to treat depression. Dan Brown does it to inspire plot lines. Richard Gere did it in "American Gigolo."

But is 60 consecutive hours healthy? Not so much, say doctors.

*"His head is not going to explode, but it could cause some problems with the blood flow to his brain," said Washington doctor Michael Friedman. "I wouldn't do it, and I wouldn't counsel anyone else to do it."*

Even health professionals and a [magic trainer](#) who tout inversion therapy don't recommend it for that long. Most people have difficulty with 15 minutes, said inversion therapist Anthony Cardenas in the story, and the longest he goes is 30 minutes at a 45-degree angle.

Blaine begins his 60-hour hang on Sept. 22. The conclusion will be aired during "[David Blaine: Dive of Death](#)," at 9 p.m. EST Wednesday, Sept. 24, on ABC.

**'David Blaine: Dive of Death' inspired by ceiling dancers; hidden anagrams in names?**

I doubt he's talking about Lionel Richie.

David Blaine told The National Ledger that his inspiration for his upcoming special, "[David Blaine: Dive of Death](#)," was inspired by turn-of-the-century ceiling dancers, who would dance on a ceiling ages ago.

His intense training for living upside-down has consisted of building up his endurance by developing a resistance to it. By Sept. 16, he had done about 60 cumulative hours of upside-down training.

*"What was even more interesting to me is how your whole perspective on the world changes when you're upside down. You kind of feel giddy in a weird way."*

In the article, Blaine confirms [something that we've known for a while](#): He'll be doing more street magic in an attempt to get back to his "roots."

*"It's a show filled with magic -- more magic than I've put on any show in 10 years. I'm really proud of it."*

Back to the training: The first few days were chronicled [in this London Telegraph story](#), which has been mentioned on quite a few magic sites and forums. My only frustration with this story is that the Telegraph didn't give the reporter a byline.

That is a tragedy, because it's one of the most descriptive, brilliant, compelling pieces of journalism on Blaine, or anyone, I've seen in a while. Take the time to read it, and post what you think the hidden anagrams are.

**Countdown begins for "David Blaine: Dive of Death"**

This teaser is out on YouTube, but not yet ABC.com. ABC has [this page](#) with more information about the show, but no surprises. Here's what we know about "David Blaine: Dive of Death":

- [David Blaine](#) will hang upside down from a wire, five stories in the air, using a pair of electromagnetic boots, for 60 hours.
- He will pull himself up only to hydrate himself and restore circulation -- meaning that he'll sleep upside down.
- His dismount, to occur during Wednesday's special, is a closely guarded secret.
- The special will feature much more of Blaine's street magic than we have seen in the past.
- [Daniel Garcia](#), the genius behind [Fraud, Fallen](#), ([and a universe of other effects](#)) was one of Blaine's consultants for the show.

Considering all that we do know, this show is going to rock. But what will the ending be?

The show will air at 9 p.m. EST Wednesday, Sept. 24, on the ABC Network. Seven days... let the countdown begin!

#### **David Blaine September stunt released; could finale be bullet catch?**

It's official: **David Blaine** will do something Bruce Wayne never did.

According to a press release from the ABC Network, street magician David Blaine announced exactly how his long-sSpeculated sleep-deprivation stunt will work. According to the release, which was reprinted on The Futon Critic, Blaine will hang upside-down six stories above Central Park for more than 60 hours, with no food. He will pull himself upright only to drink fluids and restore circulation. ABC will air the conclusion of the stunt during "David Blaine: Dive of Death."

To perform the stunt, Blaine will use gadgets that the legendary Batman would appreciate. From the press release:

"Blaine, the 'Upside Down Man,' will attempt to hang from a thin wire five stories in the air with no safety net or airbag to break his fall in Central Park's Wollman Rink for three days and nights. Using electro-magnetic boots, Blaine will walk on and under the wire during more than 60 hours of the challenge."


The big mystery, and the punch of the special, will be how [David Blaine, who revived street magic](#), exits his perch. Current speculation is that Blaine could perform a bullet catch, according to iTricks.

But many magicians, who have been clamoring for more magic and less stunts, will likely be more interested in performances filmed during a cross-country trip. Performing artist Daniel Garcia, one of Blaine's consultants for the special, told iTricks' Justin Robert Young in March that "Dive of Death" will feature more of a focus on Blaine's sleight of hand.

The live, two-hour broadcast will start at 9 p.m. (E.S.T.) Wednesday, Sept. 24.

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 <p>Model Josie Maran was David Blaine's girlfriend after Fiona Apple. David Blaine and Madonna have also been linked.</p>		
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